IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: REINFORCING MEMBER, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND ENGINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.